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Amendment dated May 13, 2005

Reply to office action of March 1, 2005 and Advisory Action of May 10, 2005

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [000151] with the following amended paragraph:

[000151] Retention of a tee in the tee chamber (21k) and release of a retained tee is illustrated in figures 6A and 6B. The ball bearings (21b) are retained in the main body (21) raceways by a reduced diameter of the raceways compared to the ball bearing, and by contact with the tee hold-release sleeve (22) ball bearing beveled passage (22j), forcing the ball bearings as fully into the raceways as they can go. In inserting a tee, sufficient force is applied to the operating knob (28), moving it relative to the sleeve (22). This, which compresses the spring (25) and causes the body to move partially out of the sleeve. This provides a gap between these parts and allows the ball bearings (21a, 21b) to move from being fully inserted in the raceway, as shown in figure 6A, to being partially inserted in the raceway as shown in figure 6B. A tee may then be inserted in the tee chamber (21k) and then the force removed from the operating knob. The spring force returns the body to the fully inserted position in the sleeve as shown in figure 6A. When fully inserted, the body moves the ball bearings fully into the raceway. The ball bearing surfaces then contact the slope on the lower part of the tee head, placing the top of the tee head in contact with the convex top of the tee chamber (21g). Release of the tee is by again applying the force to the operating knob. This again provides a gap between the body and sleeve and allows the ball bearings (21a, 21b) to move from being fully inserted in the raceway, as shown in figure 6A, to being partially inserted in the raceway as shown in figure 6B.

Please replace paragraph [000162] with the following amended paragraph:

[000162] The gripping concavity (2A) is on the tee hold-release sleeve (2). When the main body (1) is fully inserted in the tee hold-release sleeve (2), the ball bearings (1A) are retained in the main body raceways by a reduced diameter of the raceways compared to the ball bearing, and by contact with the sleeve and a body spacer washer (1E) mounted on the outer surface of the body with attachment screws (1D) forcing the ball bearings as fully into the raceways as they can go. The ball bearings thus protrude into the tee chamber a portion of their diameter sufficient to retain a tee in the tee chamber. The body is inserted in the tee hold-release sleeve body chamber (2D) with its shaft (1H) extending up through an opening in the tee hold-release sleeve spring enclosure bottom. Applying sufficient force to the operating knob moves the body partially out

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of the tee hold-release sleeve. ~~This motion, which~~ moves the body spacer washer (1E), ~~which~~ that is attached to the body, away from the bottom of the tee hold-release sleeve (2). This provides a gap between these parts and provides space for the ball bearings (1A) to move in the out direction from the raceways (1C) in the body into the bevel in the sleeve (2E). If a tee is retained in the body tee chamber (1K), this gap allows movement is of the ball bearings sufficient to release the tee. Releasing the force on the operating knob allows the spring (5) to fully ~~inserts~~ insert the body in the tee hold-release sleeve body chamber and ~~returns~~ return the ball bearings fully into the raceway.